

Amendments to the claims

1-40. (canceled)

41. (currently amended) ~~The A refractory composition of claim 40, wherein the composition includes consisting essentially of 0.96% to 1.1% Al₂O₃, 6.6% to 8.8% SiO₂, 89.3% to 91.2% ZrO₂, 0.6% to 0.9% B₂O₃, up to 0.02% Na₂O, up to 0.1% CaO, up to 0.1% FeO₃, and up to 0.1% TiO₂.~~

42. (new) The refractory of claim 41, consisting essentially of 0.96% to 1.1% Al₂O₃, 6.6% to 8.8% SiO₂, 89.3% to 91.2% ZrO₂, 0.6% to 0.9% B₂O₃, up to 0.1% CaO, up to 0.1% FeO₃, and up to 0.1% TiO₂.

43. (new) The refractory of claim 41, wherein the refractory has an electrical resistance of at least 250 ohm-cm at 1625°C.

44. (new) The refractory of claim 41, wherein the refractory has an electrical resistance of at least 300 ohm-cm at 1625°C.

45. (new) A refractory consisting essentially of 0.96% to 1.1% Al₂O₃, 6.6% to 8.8% SiO₂, 89.3% to 91.2% ZrO₂, 0.6% to 0.9% B₂O₃, up to 0.1% CaO, up to 0.1% FeO₃, and up to 0.1% TiO₂, with MgO, P₂O₅, and Na₂O being absent.

46. (new) The refractory of claim 45, wherein the refractory has an electrical resistance of at least 250 ohm-cm at 1625°C.

47. (new) The refractory of claim 45, wherein the refractory has an electrical resistance of at least 300 ohm-cm at 1625°C.

48. (new) A refractory consisting essentially of 0.96% to 1.1% Al₂O₃, 6.6% to 8.8% SiO₂, 89.3% to 91.2% ZrO₂, 0.6% to 0.9% B₂O₃, up to 0.1% CaO, up to 0.1% FeO₃, and up to 0.1% TiO₂, with MgO, P₂O₅, and Na₂O being absent, wherein the refractory has an electrical resistance of at least 250 ohm-cm at 1625°C.

49. (new) The refractory of claim 48, wherein the refractory has an electrical resistance of at least 300 ohm-cm at 1625°C.